

REMARKS

The Application was filed with Claims 1 – 30. These claims have been canceled by this Preliminary Amendment, and new Claims 31 – 52 have been added. These Claims correspond “one-to-one” with the allowed claims of the JPO application. Therefore, under the pilot Patent Prosecution Highway (“PPH”) program, these claims should be in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR §1.78 to Deposit Account No. 50-2603, referencing Attorney Docket No. 52738.00800. A duplicate sheet is attached.

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